

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
Stephen A. Smith et al.

Application No.: 10/676,807  
Confirmation No.: 3085  
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Examiner: Stephen J. Castellano

Art Unit: 3781

For: Ergonomic Disposable Cup Having Improved  
Structural Integrity

**REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 11, 2006**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

This is a Reply to the Office Action mailed October 11, 2006. The original period of response to the Office Action is a shortened statutory period of one (1) month from the mailing date. Additionally, November 11, 2006, falls on a Saturday, and November 12, 2006, falls on a Sunday. Accordingly, the time period for response is November 13, 2006, and this Reply is submitted within that time limit. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's restriction in the present Application in view of the Remarks below.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.